

REMARKS

Claims 1-45 are pending in the application. Claims 1-31 are canceled. Claims 46-59 are new.

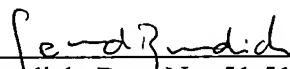
In the Office Action, the Examiner has issued a Restriction Requirement, requiring restriction to one of the following inventions: Group I claims 1-31 drawn to a system for maintaining concentration range of a metal ion solution; and Group II claims 32-45 drawn to a method of maintaining a concentration range of a metal ion in solution.

To advance prosecution, Applicants hereby elect the Group II claims, and cancel without prejudice the Group I claims. Applicants reserve all rights to prosecute the non-elected claims at a later time. The elected claims are indicated in the above Listing of Claims along with new claims 46-59. The new claims are also directed to the Group II invention, and are fully supported throughout the Application as filed.

Applicant believes no fees are due in connection with this Response. However, if any fees are in fact due, the Commission is authorized to charge the same to our deposit account No. 08-3038, referencing Howrey Dkt. No. 04813.0045.CPUS02.

Respectfully submitted,

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